REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 August 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Wet Rubber
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Slick
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video slick entitled *Wet Rubber* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video slick is considered to promote the infliction of, and the suffering of physical harm and pain for sexual purposes, and it degrades and dehumanises the participants.

The publication is a video slick which presents photographic images of a male and a female engaged in sexual activities. These include vaginal intercourse, digital vaginal penetration and fellatio. Further activities include the insertion of a reflex hammer into the penis and tightly binding the penis with a stethoscope. When the female inserts the reflex hammer into the penis of the male he appears to grimace in pain. However the male's penis is erect and he appears to consent to the activity. The image suggests that some sexual stimulation is derived from the suffering of pain. This image and one other where the male's penis is bound presents the infliction of pain with potential for physical harm. The clothes which the participants wear, which are rubber with holes cut for body parts, and activity of the individuals reduces both the male and female to purely sexual body parts. The presentation degrades and dehumanises them to a significant degree.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they affect this publication.

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